

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Two paragraphs in the specification, 0022 and 0023 are replaced to correct typographical errors.

The objections to the drawings are noted and, as relates to the lack of the numeral 10 in Figs. 1 and 2 and the lack of the numeral 34 in Fig. 2, the drawings have been corrected and Replacement Sheets are included herewith. The objection to the drawings for incorrect cross-hatching is respectfully traversed. Fig. 2, the only figure that is cross-hatched, shows three insulating members, items 16, 20 and 32. All are shown with alternating thin and thick lines. Fig. 2 also shows conducting members 14, 22, 28 and 34. All are shown in single thickness lines. Accordingly, this objection is in error and its withdrawal is requested so that a Petition to the Commissioner can be avoided.

The objection to Claims 2-5 for inclusion of the numeral 10 without parenthesis is noted and the claims have been amended to remove the numeral 10.

The rejection of Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

The term “exposed” in claim 1 means what it has always meant to those skilled in the art of coaxial cable terminating and as clearly defined by the standard dictionary definition, “left or being without shelter or protection”, “laid open to view”.. In the instant specification and claims it is abundantly clear that the term exposed refers to those areas of the cable that have had one or more layers stripped of their overlying protection to “expose” that which lies underneath.

Likewise, the term “terminus” is used in its conventional, dictionary sense as being “the end or extremity of anything.” Clearly, the exposed portion of the braid 18 has a terminus and at that terminus the outer insulation 20 begins.

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Copies of pages 467 and 1356 of The Random House College Dictionary, Revised Edition, 1980 are included herewith.

The lack of understanding as to Claim 2 is in itself not understood. The electrical contact 22 has three parts; a first end 26 that is *hollow* and receives a mating male contact, a second end that is *hollow* and receives the end 14a of the central conductor 14, and "...an intermediate portion 36 that is solid (i.e., not hollow) and comprises about 1/3 the length of the contact 22 providing exceptional stability for the contact." (Specification, page 6, lines 2 and 3).

Since the claims have been found to be allowable if the objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 were addressed and, since these objections and rejections have either been corrected or had their errors pointed out, this application is in condition for immediate allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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